



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Masayuki TAKAHASHI

Serial No. 09/673,518

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DIGITAL DATA RECORDING/  
REPRODUCTION METHOD, AND DIGITAL  
DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCTION  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated April 2, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to August 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.